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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telecon with Colonel Wood re Approach to NSA on TOD Call and to Present NIRB-Type Briefing to TOD Committee

1. At the TOD meeting on 24 January 1969, [ ] and I gave Arch Wood, Jim Woolsey and Bill Fischer the same briefing which we had presented to NIRB on 21 January. 25X1

2. Wood said that he and Ike Selin were disturbed at not having been invited to participate in the NIRB meeting, so that the briefing to NIRB would have been by the TOD Committee. I explained again, as I had to Wood prior to the NIRB briefing that Wally and I were acting as NIPE Staff and had been directed on Friday the 17th to brief on Tuesday the 21st, and that it was not within my province to involve others. I said that there was no intention of circumventing the TOD Committee or its principals. In fact it would have been highly inappropriate for that briefing to have been attended by any other than the NIRB members, and in fact I was saving face all around by acting as the buffer in declining to even suggest to Admiral Taylor and Mr. Bross that others be invited.

3. At our TOD Committee meeting on 24 January, we discussed the approach to NSA. Colonel Wood said that he thought a soft sell approach by himself and Woolsey --alone-- was best calculated to open the NSA doors, as everyone else was in some degree suspect. Bill Fischer, after reflection, said that he could agree as an initial tactic, but he was not willing to agree now that he would always be excluded in discussions with NSA. [ ] and I discussed this with the others in the meeting, and I finally made the decision that we would go along with Wood's proposal as an opening tactic. We were not willing to bind ourselves for the future, however, and [ ] pointed out that it was really essential that we have the opportunity to participate in the substantive discussions from the outset so that we who were formulating the methodology for the TOD would have an adequate understanding of the peculiar problems of NSA. Colonel Wood agreed that this initial procedure was not to set a precedent, and that he would report fully to the TOD Committee. We also recognized that we might have some substantive differences as to the importance of the various "slices" of the TOD, and that Colonel Wood was not to go so far as to make any agreements with NSA on the substantive needs of the TOD Committee. We did not think that the initial discussions would get that far. 25X1 25X1

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4. Today Colonel Wood phoned me to report on the initial meeting, and he is sending Jim Woolsey here later today to report in detail to [redacted] [redacted] He said that the initial reception appeared friendly, and that the discussions were with [redacted] the latter being the person who controls the information we desire. Most of the meeting was devoted to NSA briefing Wood and Woolsey on the hardware they use. Certain documents were identified which Wood was asking to have made available in the Pentagon; these include some Technical Instructions. Wood proposes to have another meeting at NSA on 31 January to further attempt to open the door. Wood thinks that [redacted] have obtained some degree of approval from [redacted] with the result that Wood thinks NSA shows signs of continuing to react positively. In the meeting tomorrow, Wood plans to go into the question of NSA tasking, how it is done, how they decide what they want and how they will use their equipment, and when. Wood thinks this should lead into their expressing their ideas of their missions and their effectiveness, and the criteria by which they try to measure effectiveness.

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5. I thanked Colonel Wood and agreed on the next meeting. I said that he would have to understand that there might come a time when we would have to ask to be included, because we felt that we could not do the substantive job without direct access to these discussions. Colonel Wood said that he understood this and was not in disagreement. He felt however that the matter was still in the delicate initial stage. He said also that he had tried to report to Bill Fischer, but had found that he was out of town today.

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Chairman, TOD Committee

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